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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1115

Monday, the *4th December 1939* / *18th Vrischigam 1115*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, Shabdai S. Koder and V. J. Mathai were absent.

Swearing in of Members

Messrs. T. Verghese, A. Padmanabha Menon and A. B. Salem were sworn in.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

TOBACCO CULTIVATION IN THE STATE

1. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has experimented tobacco cultivation in the State during last year; and if so,

(*b*) whether the tobacco cultivation has proved a success?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No. But six people are cultivating tobacco this year.

(*b*) It is too early to say definitely.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is the Government helping them in any manner?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* In all possible ways; no license fee is levied and an Agricultural Inspector is appointed to help them.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is no financial help given ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. They did not ask for it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Are there not more applications?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There were six or seven.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Which is this area ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* All in the Chittur Taluk.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was there none from the Mukundapuram Taluk ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. All applications have been accepted.

ANNAMANADA AYURVEDIC DISPENSARY

2. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of patients who visited the Ayurvedic dispensary at Annamanada in the years 1113 to 1114;

(*b*) whether any report has been received from the physician of the Ayurvedic dispensary at Annamanada requesting the Government to provide for some beds attached to the dispensary; and if so,

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps in that direction?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*

(*a*) 7,087.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*b*).

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Can I take it that no requisition of any sort has been received ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There was a mass petition by the people supported by the Panchayat. But there was no report from the physician.

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